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GRAND JURY LOOKING INTO THE BOYD CASE MISSING YACHT BROUGHT TO PORT BY AID OF SUN

Investigation May Take a Wider Range Than Published Charges Would Indicate.

An Attempt May Be Made to Foist the Guilt of Other People's Transgressions on Shoulders of Fugitive Treasurer Wright.

The grand jury yesterday began the investigation of the B. H. Wright case, and witnesses were summoned to appear before that body today to give evidence in the case of James H. Boyd, Superintendent of Public Works.

It seems certain from some of the witnesses who have been summoned before the grand jury that the investigations of the inquisitorial body will cover a much wider range than is indicated in the stories of shortages and defalcations already made public.

In the Wright case the two charges cover the alleged theft of a \$3,000 check from the Hawaiian Electric Company and another shortage shown by the books of the department, amounting to about \$5,000. This shortage will probably have to be proven by witnesses who paid the money into the department for which there is no showing in the cash account.

Judge Wilcox, Andrew Brown, H. C. Meyers and others were before the grand jury yesterday in connection with the B. H. Wright matter, which necessarily involves the charges brought against James H. Boyd. It is very likely that the entire Department of Public Works is being investigated as a whole, without reference to specific charges, and that the grand jury will make a report on the matter in its entirety, though any findings of indictments would, of course, be against individuals.

Deputy Auditor Meyers, who signed the complaints against both Boyd and Wright, was before the grand jury the greater part of the afternoon, having with him the books of the Department of Public Works, showing the alleged shortages and irregularities in the conduct of the office.

The Boyd investigation will cover other matters aside from the Cooper check transaction, and a number of people who, it is known, had no connection with that affair, have been subpoenaed to appear today before the grand jury in the case of Territory of Hawaii vs. James H. Boyd. As far as known, neither Governor Dole or Secretary Cooper has been called as witnesses, the facts within their knowledge, probably, appearing also in the evidence of Henry C. Meyers, the deputy auditor.

Among the witnesses said to have been summoned to appear in the Boyd case at today's session of the grand jury are F. A. Schaefer, August Dreier, W. W. Ahana and Mrs. Mary Rose. Some of these witnesses know something about land transactions had with the Department of Public Works, aside from the Cooper matter. It is said also that not only will the land exchange made by Dr. Cooper with Superintendent Boyd be investigated, but the Davies & Co. transaction and the land matter to settle which Mr. Boyd paid \$3,100 into the Territorial treasury will also be looked into. The repayment of the \$6,000 into the treasury will, it is reported, not deter the grand jury from making a thorough investigation of these matters as well.

It is whispered now that an effort may be made to throw the responsibility for the irregularities in other officers upon the missing treasurer, W. H. Wright, who, not being here, would be unable to contradict any story that might be told. If the defendants in either of the Public Works cases could prove that the checks they are alleged to have taken were paid over to Treasurer Wright the prosecution would very likely fail

down. In the B. H. Wright case Henry C. Hapai, the registrar, has been summoned as a witness before the grand jury, and it may be that he is called to show that none of the moneys alleged to have been taken were turned over to the Treasury.

AUSTIN BROKE POLICE BLOCKADE

Walked to Private Office of Auditor Without Being Observed.

Auditor H. C. Austin walked quietly past the policeman on guard at the Capitol building yesterday afternoon and resumed charge of his office for a few minutes. The suspended auditor did not however attempt to exercise any of the functions of his position, simply going into his office to secure a number of private papers wanted by him.

The story of the suspended auditor's entrance into his old domain is rather amusing. Up to a few days ago two officers did guard duty at the Capitol building, generally one of them keeping a post in front of Boyd's office, while the other was stationed on the second floor of the Capitol building.

Both the cases of Austin and Boyd being in the court, the vigilance of the police was relaxed and one of the men withdrawn. Yesterday afternoon Officer Mulletner was given the duty of defending the Capitol building from the possible attacks of the suspended department heads. Like his predecessors the policeman expected no trouble, and made no preparations for it. He was seated near the mauka door of the Capitol building reading a paper when Mr. Austin appeared, entering on the mauka side. He noticed the policeman sitting there and walked quietly up the steps, Mulletner simply glancing up as he saw him pass.

Austin entered the audit office by the front door, nodded pleasantly to the clerks and went to his private office in the rear. Deputy Auditor Meyers was at the time before the grand jury testifying in the B. H. Wright case.

It was fully ten minutes before the officer on guard below learned that the man whom he had been specifically instructed to keep off of the premises, had not only entered the building but gone into his own office. Mulletner hurried up the steps as fast as his short legs could carry him, and rushed excitedly into the audit office. Austin was at a desk going over some papers, when the officer arrived and informed him that he had orders to keep him out. Mr. Austin replied that he had simply come to get some private papers, and was just about to leave. The two men left the office together and the officer hastened down stairs again, fearing that perhaps Boyd had executed a flank movement in his absence also.

There was considerable excitement about the Capitol building for a time, after it was learned that Austin had broken the rigid blockade, which had been maintained for over a month. Governor Dole sent for High Sheriff Brown and there was a lengthy conference which ended in Officer Mulletner being replaced by another man. Mulletner said that he did not know the auditor by sight, and the description furnished him of the suspended official was "a short man with a white mustache." He did not think Austin answered that description and had let him pass unchallenged.

Party of Six Arrested

When man of war men get to cruising around without their officers on duty over them trouble can be expected. Late last night the police arrested William Dias, Mrs. Lang, Miss Lang and three men from the cruiser New York, J. H. Newcomb, John Floyd, and P. D. Lomas, all on a charge of disturbing the peace. The party were riding about the city in a surrey, and are alleged to have been doing a great deal of shouting.

DR. PARDEE CARRIES THE ELECTION IN CALIFORNIA



SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 7.—Dr. George C. Pardee, the Republican candidate for Governor, has been elected.

VOLCANO IS GIVING THE BEST EXHIBITION IN YEARS

A Great Lake of Molten Lava With Fire Geysers Playing in the Center—Artist Hitchcock Making Sketches.

HONOLULU STATION, Nov. 11, 1902. To Advertiser, Honolulu, from Herald, Hilo. Kilauea more active Monday night than in twenty years. Center cone spouting light geysers. Entire floor of Halemaumau six hundred feet across now a mass of molten lava. Artist Hitchcock present last night. Will make sketches.

Although no earthquake has heralded the approach of a big eruption of Kilauea, as earthquakes usually tell of the approach of volcanic outbreaks, wireless telegrams received from the Volcano House and Hilo yesterday indicate that Kilauea is getting busy. The telegram stating that the outbreak was the liveliest for twenty years causes much interest.

Many people in Honolulu declare that they had been expecting news of an outbreak, for the "afterglows" and "foreglows" during the past few days have been particularly brilliant. The outbreak is reported to have occurred on Monday evening. One Honolulu man says: "I was walking down Ala-keha street, between Beretania and Hotel streets, at about 6 o'clock on Monday evening, and noticed the most brilliant 'afterglow' I have seen during the time I have lived in Honolulu. At first it seemed to me that the trees and houses on Hotel street were banked against a solid wall of dull red. I have often noticed these 'afterglows,' but I never saw anything like this one. It seemed to extend higher into the sky than others I have seen."

The first dispatch received by Manager Cross of the wireless service yesterday stated that great geysers were playing in the crater and that the lava now covered an immense area. R. H. Trent, of Waterhouse & Co., received a message saying that a fire geyser was playing in a lava lake 600 feet in diameter, and if this is the case the view of such an immense crater full of red hot lava must be magnificent.

Old times who read these reports say that they indicate that quite an outbreak is at hand, and that the heat from the immense lava lake is sure to open up others, so that the scene of activity is bound to spread over quite an area. Some of the telegrams yesterday simply state that a lava lake 600 feet in diameter "is forming," and this may mean that by today the lake will be of much larger area, yet some dispatches state that the outbreak is the biggest in twenty years, although in 1894 the lava lake was 1,200 feet long by 800 feet in width.

President Wright, of the Wilder Steamship Company, sent a message yesterday asking for full particulars, but no answer had been received from Hawaii late last night. It is probable that one of the Island steamers will make a trip to Hilo with many who now desire to see the volcano as soon as possible.

Queer Navigator Lived for Ten Days on One Bottle of Gin and Six Crackers.

While Drunk Took Yacht Eagle and Sailed Out of Sight of Land and Tells Sensational Story.

"I had the 'horrors' and when I came to I was out of sight of land. I was in that man's yacht all alone. I saw no land but I knew the sea around the islands well so I steered by the sun and made my way to Honolulu. It took six days and all I had during that time was a bottle of gin and six crackers."

COWBOYS MADE THINGS LIVELY

They Lassoed and Dragged Republican Voter at Hauula.

Because he voted the Republican ticket at Hauula on November fourth, a band of Home Rule cowboys from the cattle ranches on the other side of the island showed George Parker a fine time. He was lassoed and dragged around the place and three policemen were kept so busy defending him from a mob that they had no time to defend themselves. Now Parker wants the cowboys arrested and the police down that way are nursing all kinds of sores, bumps, and bruises that were inflicted upon them by sundry election rioters.

Hauula went strong for Wilcox. The voters indulged in all sorts of merry pastimes to fill in the time between the opening of the polls in the morning until they were drunk enough to go to bed and during this time they virtually owned every square inch around the voting place.

The cowboys rode in on their horses and with whoops, yells and lassoos proceeded to show the people that it was wise to vote the Home Rule ticket. Parker is said to have voted Republican and claims that one cowboy lassoed him, got his line fast, and then proceeded to take a few turns out of him. He was dragged, according to his story, for some distance. Other disturbers of the peace made matters warm for the police officers and with nearly sixty bel-ligerents about the officers found themselves to be in the place of ornaments which careless people sometimes knock over.

When the matter reached the ears of High Sheriff Brown he sent Deputy Sheriff Chillingworth to the scene to make an investigation. Chillingworth returned by last evening's train and reported to the High Sheriff but no action had been determined upon with reference to the matter up to a late hour last night.

St. Clement's Delegates.

At a meeting of the vestry of St. Clement's church last evening formal steps were taken at the suggestion of Bishop Restarick towards having St. Clement's set apart as a separate and independent parish. Provisional action towards this end was taken by Bishop Nichols, while he was in charge of the diocese of Honolulu, but it was necessary for the vestry to make formal application to the new bishop.

The vestry also selected three lay delegates to represent St. Clement's at the convention to be held here next Wednesday. The delegates named are Major Davis, Captain Whiting and L. D. Ward.

Collector Pratt Is Sustained.

The court of appeals yesterday filed its decision in the income tax cases. There were but four appeals and Assessor Pratt was practically sustained in each one of them. In the appeal of C. Kaiser from refusal by the assessor to deduct loss on sugar stocks, Pratt is sustained. In the three Japanese cases slight reductions were made from the assessment by Pratt.

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The above was only one chapter of the marvellous story told to the police last night by a man who gave his name as George Sydney Plomb and described himself as sailor and navigator. He had been brought to the station by Frank Fisher, owner of the yacht Eagle, and the latter claimed that the sailor had stolen his yacht and a skiff. The sailor denied the story of theft. Fisher says that he brought the yacht in from the row and had her moored up near the land end of the new Hackfeld wharf where he was offering her for sale. Ten days ago his yacht disappeared overnight and he was unable to get any trace of her until yesterday he saw the yacht off the harbor and Young Bros. later towing it in. Then he secured the only occupant, Plomb, who told a marvellous story.

Ten days ago he, after being discharged from a ship and leaving his discharge and most of his money in the office of the shipping commissioner, went out to paint the town in varied hues. He drank quart after quart of sundry liquors and the last he remembered he was buying a bottle of gin at the Progress saloon. When he again woke up he was far away from the islands in a small but well rigged yacht. He was dazed for awhile but finally learned that he still had the bottle of gin and later found that the "pantry" of the yacht contained six crackers. On this big storehouse of provisions he managed to subsist until he struck Honolulu yesterday and did not even seem to be hungry when he arrived at the police station for he looked well and fit and did not ask for food immediately. He said that he was quite familiar with the sea around the islands and although he had neither compass, chronometer, nor any way of keeping time he immediately decided that the islands lay in a certain direction and eclipsing the feats of all known navigators, steered his vessel through storm and turbulent wave by the sun for six days when he arrived off Honolulu. Then he tried to beat into the harbor but was unsuccessful and finally one of Young Bros. launches went out to ask him if he would take a line. The "sailor-navigator" immediately accepted the proffered service and at the time said that his working capital was in the hands of the acting shipping commissioner and that he would see to it that the Young Bros. should get four dollars salvage.

But when he reached the wharf Fisher was there to receive him. He had the "sailor-sun navigator" taken to the police station and after he had told his story Fisher stated that the yacht could not possibly have been handled by one man, that the night on which she went out was so calm that the yacht must have been towed out to sea and that it was his theory that a skiff which was missing and which had contained tools had been used to tow his yacht out to the anchorage where wind was secured. Fisher was very angry. The police heard both stories. No one could imagine how Plomb filled in the four days that elapsed between the time that the yacht left the harbor and that when he woke up and commenced his wonderful sun navigation.

The police finally decided that the two stories did not fit into each other quite close enough and so told Plomb that he must spend the night in jail and that he would be given an opportunity in Judge Wilcox's court this morning to explain his wonderful methods of sailing over the briny deep with only the sun as a guide, himself as captain, mate, bosun, and sailors, and such an ill-starred cupboard as the one that contained only a bottle of gin and six crackers.

Plomb looked as if he had put in the whole ten days at sea for he had a stubby beard and some money in his possession, and no sailor on shore who indulged in drink would be guilty of having as much as ten cents in his pocket after a ten days' cruise around the bars of the city.